

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 09/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-82,84-88 and 90-106.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-82, 84-88 and 90-106 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-15

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a detachable card cleaning device for use in an image forming machine comprising a first cleaning member removably coupled to a housing and adapted to clean a card being fed at an angle relative to said housing and a second cleaning member removably coupled to said housing and adapted to clean said first cleaning member during machine operation.

Claims 16-31, 33, 44-81 and 93-106

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a replaceable media cleaning cartridge for use in a printer or other system forming images, said media cleaning cartridge comprising a first cleaning component structured and arranged to engage and present to a moving media unit being cleaned, a changing first contact surface area, a second cleaning component structured and arranged to engage and present to said first cleaning component, a changing second contact surface area; wherein the tackiness of the second contact surface area being greater than the tackiness of a media unit such that the first contact surface area adhesively attracts particles from a media unit being cleaned, and the second contact surface area adhesively attracts particles from the first contact surface area.

Claim 32

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a replaceable media cleaning cartridge for use in a printer or other system forming images, said media cleaning cartridge configured to support one or more cleaning components structured and arranged to engage and present to a moving media unit being cleaned a changing tacky contact surface area, said cartridge is bidirectionally effective and adapted to receive a media unit on either of opposed first and second faces thereof.

Claim 34

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a replaceable media cleaning cartridge for use in a printer or other system forming images, said media cleaning cartridge configured to support one or more cleaning components structured and arranged to engage and present to a moving media unit being cleaned a changing tacky contact surface area, the media cleaning cartridge including mounting structures adapted for quick installation of the cartridge in the system; wherein said mounting structures include a latch.

Claims 35-38 and 88-92

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a replaceable media cleaning cartridge for use in a printer or other system forming images, said media cleaning cartridge configured to support one or more cleaning components structured and arranged to engage and present to a moving media unit being cleaned a changing tacky contact surface area, the media cleaning

cartridge including at least one upstanding tab adapted to be manually grasped for installation of the cartridge in the system.

Claims 39, 40 and 82-87

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a replaceable media cleaning cartridge for use in a printer or other system forming images, said media cleaning cartridge configured to support one or more cleaning components structured and arranged to engage and present to a moving media unit being cleaned a changing tacky contact surface area, the media cleaning cartridge including alignment members on opposed sides of the cartridge configured to be received in cooperating alignment guides in the system.

Claims 41-43

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a replaceable media cleaning cartridge for use in a printer or other system forming images, said media cleaning cartridge configured to support one or more cleaning components structured and arranged to engage and present to a moving media unit being cleaned a changing tacky contact surface area, the media cleaning cartridge including a pivoted lid.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoan H. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-2141. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00 Monday-Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. David Gray can be reached on (571) 272-2119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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